(*b*) The Fertilisers & Chemicals Ltd., is an incorporated company in which Government are large share holders,

Closing of shops on Sundays

44. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received report or information from any source that the merchants in almost all the important towns in the State are closing their shops on all Sundays for the whole day;

(*b*) if so, whether such information or reports speak about the difficulties of the public by that conduct of the merchants throughout the State; and

(*c*) whether they have taken any action in the matter contained in such report or information for the benefit of the people of the State?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) Reports have been received about closing of shops in the towns of Quilon, Alleppey and Trivandrum on Sundays.

(*b*) A representation received from certain people of Quilon states that inconvenience is caused to the public by the conduct of the merchants, but enquiries show that there are no real difficulties as some shops are open on Sundays also.

(*c*) The matter is under investigation.

Mr. N. Narayna Kurup: May I know what is the result of the investigation?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: It has not yet been completed.

Post-war Reconstruction Committee.

45. *Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnathur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the proposals entrusted for consideration of the Post-war Reconstruction Committee;

(*b*) the decisions, if any, made by the Committee;

(*c*) the work hitherto turned out by the Committee; and

(*d*) the composition of the Committee?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) A copy of the Dewan's address at the first meeting of the Post-war Reconstruction Committee and a list of the subjects engaging the immediate attention of the Committee are placed on the Secretary's table. Various sub-committees have been formed. The whole scheme is under consideration.

(*b*) & (*c*) Various schemes are under the consideration of the Committee and sub-committees?

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(*d*) President—Dewan.

Members:

(i) Director of Research.
(ii) Chief Engineer.
(iii) Electrical Engineer to Government.
(iv) Director of Transport.
(v) Director of Industries.
(vi) Director of Agriculture.
(vii) Conservator of Forests.
(viii) Director of Public Instruction.
(ix) Director of Public Health.
(x) Financial Secretary to Government.
(xi) Mr. P. A. Hughes.
(xii) Mr. P. S. Narasimha Iyer,
(xiii) Secretary to Government, Development Section (Convener)

Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai : May I know how many sub committees are constituted for this purpose?

Mr C. Kumara Das : Four.

Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai : May I know the subjects allotted to each of those sub Committees ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : One committee deals with P. W. and Electricity; the second with Industries, the third with Agriculture and Irrigation and the fourth with Roads and Road Development schemes.

President : In order that there may be no misapprehension on this matter I may make the position clear with regard to these postwar reconstruction schemes. Some are emergent in character while some others are long term schemes. The object of the Government is to investigate these schemes with the aid of their own officers and after the investigations are over, there is the possibility of putting forward what may be called a blue print of the schemes. Then public opinion will be invited and in all probability a special meeting of the legislature will be summoned and the members will also be taken into confidence as to the carrying out of the long range plans.

Postwar Industrial Scheme.

16. ***Mr. K. A. Raman pillai** (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been already taken in the direction of Post-war Industrial Scheme?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : The member is referred to the Dewan-President's address to the Joint Sitting of the Legislature on 20-7-45.

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